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Mary Levine  
Michigan State Housing Development Authority  
735 East Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Ms. Levine:

Allegan County Community Mental Health appreciates the commitment on behalf of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to address safe, affordable and accessible housing. Unfortunately we have been unable to attend the public hearings so we would like to take this opportunity to share with you our support for Michigan's 2007-2008 Qualified Allocation Plan.

ACCMHS supports the Draft QAP 2007-2008 recommendations that emphasize the need for affordable housing for the homeless and special needs populations. In particular, we support the threshold requirement for 10% of all units in any project (not already submitted as a Special Needs/Supportive Housing project) that meet MSDHA's Supportive Housing Tenant definition structure rents at or below 30% of AMI. This will improve our ability to provide integrated housing to persons with disabilities.

We are also in support of the requirement for property owners and management to work alongside service providers that work with homeless and special needs populations. This will greatly improve communication and increase the amount of affordable housing.

We applaud MSHDA for its efforts in addressing the housing needs of ALL populations. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for the plan.

Sincerely,

  
Paul M. Brinkley, ACSW  
County Director

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